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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY TO ASSUME THE PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL *QUICK STATS* PAMPHLET ABOUT PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the former state department of public education instituted the annual publication of *Quick Stats*, a pamphlet of facts about public education in New Mexico, including statistics about revenue, schools and school districts, school personnel, students, examination scores and graduation rates, among other topics; and

WHEREAS, legislators, legislative staff, school personnel and the general public found the pamphlet helpful and timely; and

WHEREAS, the public education department, which superseded the state department of public education, has discontinued the

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1 publication of the pamphlet for a variety of reasons, primarily
2 issues related to data and formatting; and

3 WHEREAS, the 2003 legislature created the office of
4 education accountability to provide an independent evaluation
5 of the Assessment and Accountability Act and the School
6 Personnel Act; and

7 WHEREAS, the office of education accountability is also
8 charged with verifying the accuracy of reports of public
9 school, school district and state performance; and

10 WHEREAS, the office of education accountability identifies
11 its mission as providing "an independent source of information
12 about the progress of education reform"; and

13 WHEREAS, information contained in the *Quick Stats* pamphlet
14 pertains to the duties assigned to and the mission assumed by
15 the office of education accountability;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of education
18 accountability, in collaboration with the public education
19 department, be requested to assume the annual publication of
20 the *Quick Stats* pamphlet, following in general the model
21 developed by the state department of public education as
22 continued by the public education department, adding
23 information about the number of schools meeting adequate yearly
24 progress or needing improvement and using the most current data
25 available prior to the legislative session; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of education
2 accountability be requested to post the *Quick Stats* pamphlet on
3 the office's web site; to distribute a hard copy to each member
4 of the legislature, each staff member of each permanent
5 committee of the legislature and each school district
6 superintendent; and to maintain a supply of hard copies at the
7 office of education accountability; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the director of the office of education
10 accountability and the secretary of public education for
11 appropriate distribution.